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SCHOOL SCENES — Jimmy Yess and Bridget Leong get accustomed to first kindergarten class and Christian Downe to Osgood first grade.



## Committee Votes In Cursive Writing Program

Remember cursive q's that looked like 2's — funny lower case cursive r's that could be mistaken for n's? Or v's?

Monday night the School Committee voted in a new style of cursive writing that will hopefully develop greater functional speed and handwriting skills.

The letters have an accurate motor patterning and rhythm which lends itself to kinesthetic training. Cursive also helps the student to see words as whole units rather than as separate letters as it does not start and stop but has continuity and rhythm.

Study Committee members May Benbow, Jeanne Fink and Raymond Levine spent the summer studying the program and recommended that cursive writing be taught earlier. "Before the advent of workbooks," Ms. Benbow said.

This year children in Grades K-2 will be introduced to manuscript writing and printing while Grade 3 will go directly into cursive. The pro-

gram will be implemented in Grades K-6.

Ms. Benbow said it has been discovered that 15 per cent of all students have visual/motor problems. She added that the system the study group recommended

had been used last year as remediation because "It teaches motor activity correctly the first time."

Screening will be done on every child at Osgood and Deer Hill Schools. Ms. Fink said she had already exposed

her first grade class to the method — "It can be done, I've done it. I've experimented with the children on a few of the letters. Even on the first day of school the children knew what those words were immediately."

Steven Hart, director of testing, said each teacher will define students' skills at the end of the school year. "The program has to be phased in somewhat; we'll be using three levels of The Johnson handwriting program."

## School Committee Appointments

The following individuals were appointed to school positions at Monday's session of the School Committee:

Carolyn Bennett, instructional aide; Janet Willis, METCO aide in mathematics; Carol Lash, elementary teacher; Joan Ferry as activity aide; Joanne Fichter and Barbara McCool as cheerleading

coaches at a shared total stipend of \$800.

Two resignations were accepted with regret: Judith Reagan, Title I aide at Deer Hill School. Ms. Reagan resigned to take a full-time teaching position in another community. Marjorie Anderson resigned as activity aide at the Deer Hill School.

John Mika was granted a sabbatical leave for the 1980-81 school year in order that he can meet residency requirements at Boston College.

### SUPT. CONTRACT

Negotiations for the renewal of the school superintendent's contract was again postponed. The Committee voted, 4-2, to negotiate the renewal of the

contract at its September 17 meeting because of the late hour. School committeewomen Irene Brown and Patricia Walsh voted against adjourning the negotiations.

"We've put it off four or five times — I think it's a disgrace," Ms. Brown said.

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### COHASSET SCHEDULE Varsity Football

Sept. 15	Martha's Vineyard	A	1 p.m.
Sept. 22	Hull	A	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Middleboro	H	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	East Bridgewater	A	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Norwell	H	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	OPEN		
Oct. 27	Abington	H	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Holbrook	A	2 p.m.
Nov. 10	Hanover	H	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	Hanover	H	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	Duxbury	A	10 a.m.

### SCITUATE SCHEDULE Varsity Football

Sept. 14	New Bedford	A	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Hingham	H	
Sept. 29	Dartmouth	A	
Oct. 6	Silver FLake	H	
Oct. 13	Randolph	A	
Oct. 20	Whitman Hanson	A	
Oct. 27	Bridgewater Raynham	H	
Nov. 3	Rockland	H	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 10	Plymouth Carver	H	
Nov. 22	Marshfield	A	10:00 a.m.

All games at 1:30 p.m. except where noted

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